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Freeze-related Assistance from IRS and United Way of Fresno County

Sacramento – Moved by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's call to help those in need, the United Way of Fresno County and the Internal Revenue Service have partnered to provide assistance for those affected by the freeze with free tax preparation and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) outreach starting immediately.

There are 26 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites this year – 20 in Fresno County; 4 in Tulare County; and 2 in Kings County -- all of which will provide free tax preparation. To locate VITA sites, please call the 2-1-1 Central Valley Call Center at 1-866-559-4211 or the IRS 1-800-829-1040 or refer to the attached list.

Further, National EITC Day is February 1st and as part of the EITC and VITA free tax preparation outreach, a kick-off event is scheduled at United Way at 11:00am on February 1. In addition to free tax preparation, Design Financial Solutions will provide credit counseling and Habitat for Humanity will accept applications for those interested in becoming home-owners.

Moreover, as soon as locations are identified in rural communities impacted by the freeze, free tax preparation in those communities will be provided, as well.

Please help us identify resource centers with computer labs in freeze-impacted communities so our IRS-trained volunteers may come in and help families retrieve their refunds. You may use the contact information provided above.

Lastly, please visit the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services website at www.oes.ca.gov for assistance locating programs and resources available for freeze-related relief.

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| Hanford Family Resource Cntr 315 W Lacey Blvd Hanford CA 93230 | Kings | 02/01/07 | 04/13/07 | VITA | Yes | (559) 585-3646 | Languages-English, Spanish | Yes |
| Hanford Public Library 401 N. Douty Street Hanford CA 93230 | Kings | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | (559) 584-4275 | SAT 12:30 PM - 4 PM; E-FILE; CLOSED MARCH 10 & 24, 2007/ Languages-English | Yes |

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| Acorn - Fresno 3636 N First Street Suite 139 Fresno CA 93726 | FRESNO | 02/01/07 | 04/07/07 | VITA | No | (559) 222-9013 | MON 4 PM - 8 PM; E-FILE/ WED 4 PM - 8 PM; E-FILE/ FRI 4 PM - 8 PM; E-FILE/ SAT 10 AM - 4 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English, See Comments, Spanish | Yes |
| Centro Lafamilia Advocacy 2014 Tulare St, Ste 711 FRESNO CA 93721 | Fresno | 02/05/07 | 04/13/07 | VITA | Yes | (559) 237-2961 | Languages- English, See Comments, Spanish | Yes |
| Family Preservation Center 36678 Lassen, Ste 2 Huron CA 93234 | Fresno | 02/07/07 | 04/11/07 | VITA | No | | WED 1 PM - 4 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English, Spanish | No |
| FAS-Manchester 3402 N. Blackstone, Ste 240 Fresno CA 93726 | Fresno | 02/01/07 | 04/15/07 | VITA | No | | SUN 10 AM - 4 PM; E-FILE/ MON 6 PM - 9 PM; E-FILE/ TUE 6 PM - 9 PM; E-FILE/ FRI 10:30 AM - 6 PM; E-FILE/ SAT 9 AM - 4 PM; E-FILE; FEB 3 & 24, MAR 17 & 31 530PM-8 PM/SAT 9 AM - 4 PM; E-FILE; FEB 10 & 17, MAR 3, 10 & 24 430PM-8PM/ Languages- English | Yes |
| Firebaugh | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 12 PM - 4 PM; E-FILE; | Yes |

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| Learning Center 1610 Allardt Dr Firebaugh CA 93622 | | | | | | | MAY BE OPEN LONGER DEPENDING ON DEMAND/ Languages- English, Spanish | |
| Fresno Cent. For New Americans 4879 E. Kings Canyon Rd Fresno CA 93727 | Fresno | 02/06/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | Yes | (559) 255- 8395 | Languages- English, Vietnamese | Yes |
| Fresno County Library 2420 Mariposa Fresno CA 93721 | Fresno | 02/10/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 9 AM - 1 PM; E-FILE; CLOSED APRIL 8TH FOR EASTER WEEKEND/ Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |
| Fresno Learning Center 1240 Broadway Plaza Fresno CA 93721 | Fresno | 02/06/07 | 04/10/07 | VITA | No | | TUE 9 AM - 12 PM; E-FILE/ WED 9 AM - 12 PM; E-FILE; HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE/ Languages- English | Yes |
| Hinton Community Center 2384 S. Fairview Fresno CA 93706 | Fresno | 02/06/07 | 04/12/07 | VITA | No | | TUE 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM; E- FILE/ THU 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English | Yes |
| Iglesia De Cristo Llamada Fina 1720 Fulton Street Fresno CA 93721 | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/15/07 | VITA | No | | WED 6 PM - 9 PM; E-FILE/ THU 6 PM - 9 PM; E-FILE/ SAT 10 AM - 4 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |
| IRS Tax Mobile/W Fresno Health 1135 Fresno Street Fresno CA 93702 | Fresno | 02/05/07 | 04/16/07 | VITA | Yes | (559) 264- 7185 | Languages- English | Yes |
| Lao Family Community of Fresno 4903 E. Kings Canyon Road. Suite 281 Fresno CA 93727 | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | (559) 453- 9775 | MON 8 AM - 12 PM; E-FILE/ MON 1 PM - 7 PM; E-FILE; AFTER 5 PM APPT. ONLY/TUE 8 A M - 12 PM; E-FILE/ TUE 1 PM - 7 PM; E- FILE; AFTER 5 PM APPT. ONLY/WED 8 AM - 12 PM; E- FILE/ WED 1 PM - 7 PM; E-FILE; AFTER 5 PM APPT. ONLY/THU 8 AM - 12 PM; E-F Languages- English, Russian, See Comments | Yes |

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| Mendota Youth Center 1709 7Th Street MENDOTA CA 93640 | FRESNO | 02/06/07 | 04/10/07 | VITA | No | | TUE 1 PM - 4 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |
| Pacific Service Credit Union 102 E. Nees Ave Fresno CA 93720 | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 9 AM - 1 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English | Yes |
| Parlier Senior Center 8770 South Mendocino Parlier CA 93648 | Fresno | 02/06/07 | 04/10/07 | VITA | No | | TUE 7 PM - 9 PM; PAPER ONLY; HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE/ Languages- English, Spanish | No |
| Roosevelt High School Vita 4250 E. Tulare Street FRESNO CA 93721 | FRESNO | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 9 AM - 1 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |
| Sanger Library 1812 Seventh St. Sanger CA 93657 | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 10 AM - 2 PM; PAPER ONLY; CLOSED FEB 24, MARCH 3RD & 10TH/ Languages- English, Spanish | No |
| United Way of Fresno 4949 E Kings Canyon Road Fresno CA 93727 | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 9 AM - 1 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |
| VITA Hinton Community Center 2384 S. Fairview Fresno CA 93725 | Fresno | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 9 AM - 3 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English | Yes |

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| CSET - Cutler-Orosi 12825 Avenue 413 Cutler CA 93615 | Tulare | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 10 AM - 3 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English | Yes |
| CSET - Pixley 433 East Main Street Pixley CA 93256 | Tulare | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | | SAT 10 AM - 3 PM; E-FILE/ Languages- English | Yes |

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| Cset Of Visalia 312 North East 3Rd VISALIA CA 93291 | TULARE | 02/03/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | No | (559) 732- 4194 | THU 5 PM - 7 PM; E- FILE; BY APPOINTMENT ONLY/SAT 10 AM - 3 PM; E-FILE; WALK-IN'S AND APPOINTMENTS/ Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |
| El Futuro Credit Union 182 N Main St Porterville CA 93257 | Tulare | 02/01/07 | 04/14/07 | VITA | Yes | (559) 784- 0324 | Languages- English, Spanish | Yes |